

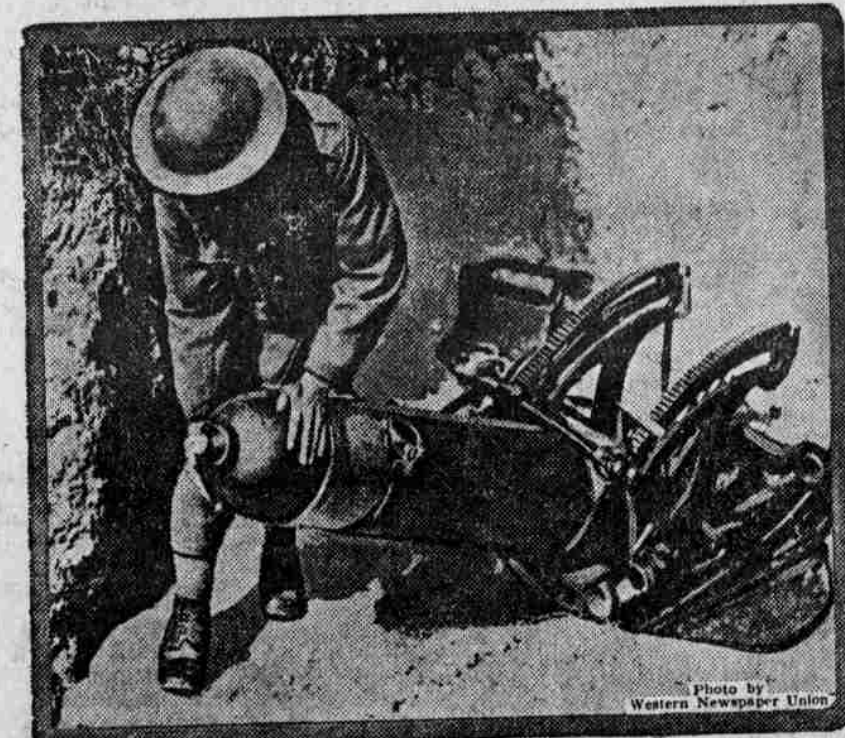
1--Cheerful Canadians returning to their billets after their tour of duty at the Somme front. 2--Unsinkable lifeboat for the U. S. navy being tested by filling it with water; they are being built in immense numbers. 3--Soldiers guarding American field headquarters in the battle region of France.

## FRENCH BUILDING THIRD LINE OF DEFENSE



French far-sightedness and preparedness are clearly depicted in this photograph. Despite the fact that they are holding the enemy at bay in the Somme district, they are fully cognizant of the danger should the Hun break the line. Engineers behind the lines are busy building new trenches and making them ready for the third line of defense.

## CANADIAN LOADING TRENCH MORTAR



Here is a Canadian on the west front loading a trench mortar with the big projectile that will carry death to the Huns not far away.

## JEWISH GIRLS GOING TO PALESTINE



The girls in this group are soon going to Palestine to serve as nurses with the British forces that are wresting the Holy Land from the Turk. They will be attached to the Jewish battalions that are now being recruited in the United States, and instead of the usual Red Cross emblem will wear the traditional Hebrew six-pointed Star of David on their caps. The girls pictured here are but the first of many from all over the United States who will be recruited for service in Palestine.

## MEDITERRANEAN COMMANDER



Rear Admiral Albert T. Nickles is in charge of United States ships operating in Mediterranean waters, the navy department has announced.

**Soldiers Ask No Sympathy**  
Here is an expression of the stoicism and the philosophy of soldiers as printed in extracts from letters in the Atlantic Monthly:

"Don't worry about my prisoners--which mostly there ain't none. Such as they are, they are necessary and unavoidable; and, above all, are fitted for them. You can't sympathize with a man who is doing the thing he has longed for and is proud of all his life. Besides, physical privations are nothing; it is mental ones that hurt. A soldier in the trenches, with little to eat and a hole to sleep in, can be happy all the same--particularly if he has something in prospect for his life. But a man out of the park at home, sleeping in the park, handling for food, is much to be pitied, though his immediate surroundings may be no greater."

## U. S. NOT WAITING TO BE DESTROYED

Command of German Agents to Put Hands Down Fails to Get Approval.

## IN THE CONFLICT TO WIN

America Has Never Resorted to War Except to Avenge Insults and to Protect Herself Against Maudraiders.

By ELLIS PARKER BUTLER.  
(From the Committee on Public Information, Washington, D. C.)

Clean, unadulterated nonsense can always get a laugh from me. I love it and so do most Americans. I remember one bit of Weber and Fields seriously acted nonsense that always left me gasping for breath. It was the silliest, most inconsequential bit of acting that genius ever dared to put in a show that cost the spectator \$2 a seat. It was a prize fight between Weber and Fields, and one of those matchless comedians showed the other how to do it. They put up their money and put on the gloves, and immediately the rank amateur began to batter the wise one over the head, but that was not the way to do it. The wise one explained that that was not at all the proper way to do it. He explained that he would show the poor amateur the right way. He stood the poor amateur just where he wanted him, turned his face to the proper angle and then arranged his hands. He stepped off and considered the poor amateur but he did not feel just satisfied. He arranged the hands again, placing them down at the sides of the poor amateur's legs. Then he told him to keep them there. Then he stepped up quickly and hit the poor amateur a whale of a blow in the face and knocked him clear across the stage and into the wings. It was awfully funny; everyone in the house screamed with joy. The poor amateur was such a fine example of simple-minded, confiding idiocy!

I have to laugh in the same uncontrolled way when I see the confiding manner in which some Americans are letting the wily but treacherous German peace propagandists convince them that we ought to let our hands hang at our sides, turn our faces at the right angle, and stand in idiotic poses until we get the blow in the face that will knock us into the wings. For pure, unadulterated nonsense the act being staged by the wise German agents and the simple-minded peace lovers is enough to make anyone sick.

On the one hand is a Germany, armed, with millions of veteran soldiers and an armament such as no man dreamed of 10 years ago, and, on the other hand, our simple-minded peace lovers who have us pose as the poor amateur. "Stand here, turn your head this way, put your hands down at your sides," say the German agents, and the purchased or infatuated peace propagandists echo, "Stand here, turn your head this way, put your hands down at your sides." A fine future for the great American nose if he did it!

### Germany Wants Control.

If America keeps her hands down, she will be knocked not only into the wings but off the stage, and off the earth. With America out of the war, the best that can be hoped is a drawn battle, ending with a "hands off" peace, and leaving Germany, as the saying is, "all dressed up and nowhere to go." Germany's "all dressed up" will mean a Germany dressed in hardened, veteran armies, in trained commanders, in the finest possible military equipment, and with an untouched navy, vast air force, and no one knows how many submarines. The "nowhere to go" will mean Africa and Asia, where Germany wanted to gain dominations. But there will be one place where Germany, "all dressed up," can go. She can come to America. She can come to South America first, or to Mexico and that is where she will come and where she has planned to come.

What happens when German agents even partially convince a goodly number of persons that the right way is to turn the cheek and hold the hands down can be seen in Russia. Russia is not a well-trained actor. She would never get a job playing a Weber-Fields burlesque in a \$2 theater. She will not keep her hands down when the German agents tell her to put them down, but she has lowered them once or twice. Russia is far, far from happy.

I cannot believe that any sane person not in German pay can wish the United States to become as Russia is today, but that is exactly what will happen if we listen to the German agents and put our hands down now. Let me put it most simply. The great body of Americans believe today, as they should, that our continued existence depends on our own military preparation. A small, noxious body of German agents and purland peace lovers are crying, "Put our hands down! Put our hands down!" Suppose I listen to the cry and begin crying the same words. I am added to their number. I cry, "Put our hands down! Put our hands down!" You listen to me and are added to the number. You echo the cry. Suppose the majority of Americans come to that same way of thinking. The majority rules and we do put our hands down. We stand with our arms hanging, our faces exposed, and wait. For what?

No doubt the German agents will be satisfied and pack their trunks and go home to Germany. Merry thought. Hardly.

We have seen what the German agents will do; they did it before we entered the war and they would do it if we backed out of the war. They would foment strikes, race riots, class prejudice, and stir up national resentments. Having gotten us out of the war against Germany they would try to get us into a war with France, Italy, or England. They would no longer be peace propagandists but war propagandists, because we would be unarmed and easy victims. They would use German money to throw us into the state poor Russia finds herself in today. Then Germany would strike defenseless South America.

### America Loves Peace.

It is my honest belief that Germany has had for many years two alternative plans for conquest. From Berlin she has drawn two lines, one to the southeast through Saloniki and to the Orient, the other to the southwest through Spain to South America. She hoped England would do the Weber-Fields act and keep her hands down while German armies stunned France, and then she would leap on the Orient and grasp a vast dominion there. England did not keep her hands down. She is not entirely a fool. That plan failed. It seems hopeless now.

The other plan Germany will try the moment she makes peace and gets her breath. If her agents can persuade us to keep our hands down.

I don't like war and you don't like war. We have every reason to be a peaceful people. We have vast territory, the most fruitful and productive in the world; and warlike peoples have always been those living in barren lands or who have been cramped into scant quarters. It is never necessary to preach the doctrine of peace to America, because the natural state of America is peace. America does not and never has gone to war except to avenge insults that have become unbearable or to protect herself against marauders. When the great, wise, peace-loving American people declare war there is a reason for it, and a reason that affects the honor and the safety of the nation.

Germany has insulted and injured us in a manner no decent people can stand. She has snatched our rights and she continues to do so. She was a menace to our existence before the war began and she has become a greater menace with each day her troops have been in the field. Her navy is practically intact; her people debt ridden. For half a century she has been the one warlike nation of the earth. What will Germany do if we keep our hands down when this war ends? What would you do if you were a warlike nation, careless of rights of others (see Belgium!), and craving territory? You would give a slap in the face to the fat fool with his hands down, and you would leap on South America and wrest from it the cost of the great European war.

Germany is not our worst enemy. With our fists up we can take care of Germany. Our worst enemy is here. He is the man who asks us to put our hands down and stand like a silly sheep until Germany is ready to strike.

### Helpful Movies.

Motion pictures have recently proved helpful in making tests of artificial limbs, it having been found that neither the eyes of an observer nor the sensations of a wearer are wholly reliable. The method followed has been to fasten what is known as Geissler tubes to the subject, one along the thigh and one along the calf. The crumple is then made to walk in front of a motion picture camera in a dark room, with the gas contents of the tubes made luminous by an electric current. The pictures taken amount to a series of diagrams, lines of light indicating the changes in the positions of the legs and revealing the differences in the movement of the artificial and the natural member. Popular Mechanics Magazine.

### American Painter's Work.

It fell to the honor of Benjamin West, an American, to become the favored painter of George III. Through painting a historical subject, Agrippa Landing the Ashes of Germanicus, for the archbishop of York. West was introduced to George III, who became his steadfast patron for nearly 30 years, his commissions amounting to about \$5,000 a year. He also painted a series of religious and historical pictures for Windsor.

### Scavengers of Weeds.

Next to goats sheep are the greatest scavengers of weeds and waste vegetation known to the American farmer. Of 500 varieties of weeds and grass, 482 were eaten readily by sheep in a test at the Minnesota station.

### Don't Disturb Sow.

The sow should not be disturbed after farrowing. At first she should have but little more than a drink. A thin slop of middlings and water answers the purpose.

### Care for Farm Tools.

Tools, saws, chisels and the like should also be oiled when not in use. A bright saw will run much easier than a rusty one. A pair of sheep shears put away in the spring without being oiled will be of little value when next needed.

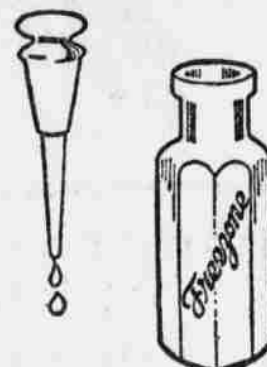
### Trees in a Pasture.

If there is a low spot in the pasture start a few shade and shelter trees by sticking some cuttings into the ground and fencing the spot.

## SO EASY! CORNS LIFT RIGHT OUT

DOESN'T HURT AT ALL AND COSTS ONLY FEW CENTS.

Magie! Just drop a little Freezone on that touchy corn, instantly it stops aching, then you lift the corn off with the fingers. Truly! No humbug!



Try Freezone! Your druggist sells a tiny bottle for a few cents, sufficient to rid your feet of every hard corn, soft corn, or corn between the toes, and callouses, without one particle of pain, soreness or irritation. Freezone is the discovery of a noted Cincinnati genius. Adv.

### Kid Glove Waistcoats.

Instead of making sweaters for our boys abroad, Popular Science Monthly urges American women to make "glove waistcoats," as the English women are now doing. These are made of discarded kid gloves, sewn together on a lining. One can be made in a day or two, it weighs only a few ounces, is as warm as a sweater and has the great advantage of not harboring vermin.

### Important to Mothers

Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, that famous old remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Fletcher* In Use for Over 30 Years.

Children Cry for Fletcher's Castoria

### French Testaments.

To assist the United States soldiers to learn French, and at the same time make reading the Bible more interesting, the Bible society has issued a special pocket edition of the Gospel of St. Mark, containing the Gospel in French on one page and its counterpart in English on the opposite page.

## OLD SORES, ULCERS AND ECZEMA VANISH

Good, Old, Reliable Peterson's Ointment Stops Itching Instantly.

"Had 61 ulcers on my legs. Doctors wanted to cut off leg. Peterson's Ointment cured me."--Wm. J. Nichols, 40 Wilder St., Rochester, N. Y.  
"Get a large box for 30 cents at any druggist, says Peterson, and money back if it doesn't help you at once. Always keep Peterson's Ointment in the house. Fine for burns, scalds, bruises, and the surest remedy for skin diseases, pimples, itching eczema and piles the world has ever known."  
"Peterson's Ointment is the best for bleeding and itching piles I have ever found."--Major Charles E. Whitney, Vineyard Haven, Mass.  
"Peterson's Ointment has given great satisfaction for Salt Rheum."--Mrs. J. L. Weiss, Cuylerville, N. Y.  
All druggists sell it, recommend it. Mail orders filled, charges prepaid by Peterson Bros., Buffalo, N. Y. Adv.

### A Great One.

"There is one advantage about a telephone enterprise which fails."  
"What is that?"  
"If a receivership is ordered, they can always hang up the receiver."

### FARMERS ARE WORKING HARDER

And using their feet more than ever before. For all those workers the frequent use of Allen's Foot-Ease, the antiseptic powder to be shaken into the shoes and sprinkled in the foot-bath, increases their efficiency and insures needed physical comfort. It takes the Friction from the Shoe, freshens the feet, and prevents tired, aching and blistered feet. Women everywhere are constant users of Allen's Foot-Ease. Don't get foot sore, get Allen's Foot-Ease. Sold by dealers everywhere, 25c. Adv.

### Cause for Wonder.

Patience--This is my lunch hour, you know.  
Patrice--Oh, can you afford in these times to eat for an hour?

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.  
Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE.

FRANK J. CHENEY.  
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(Seal) A. W. Gleason, Notary Public.  
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### Cut

"I notice that Perkins is always alone on his hunting trips."  
"Yes; he insists on carrying a gun."

Dr. Peery's "Dead Shot" is not a "bozo" or "grub," but a real old-fashioned dose of medicine which cleans out Worms or Tapeworm with a single dose. Adv.

### A Bad Start.

"Why so thoughtful? Is marriage a failure?" asked the bride.  
"Opinions vary. Don't start with that assumption anyhow."

### A Discrimination.

"Everybody admires a good loser."  
"Yes," replied Miss Cayenne. "But nobody envies him."